

Uniform Network Code Committee
Minutes of the 88th Meeting held on Thursday 15 March 2012
at ENA, 52 Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AF

Members Present:

Transporter Representatives: C Warner (National Grid Distribution), E Melen (Scotia Gas Networks), J Ferguson (Northern Gas Networks) and S Fisher (National Grid NTS)

User Representatives: C Wright (British Gas Trading), P Bolitho (E.ON UK) and P Broom (GDF Suez)

Consumer Representative

None

Joint Office: T Davis (Chair) and R Fletcher (Secretary)

Observers Present: A Miller (Xoserve), D Ianora (Ofgem) and D Mitchell (Scotia Gas Networks)

Record of Alternates: E Melen for A Gibson (Scotia Gas Networks), P Bolitho for R Fairholme (E.ON UK) and S Fisher for R Hewitt (National Grid NTS)

Apologies for Absence: A Gibson, A Green, R Fairholme, R Hall, C Hill and R Hewitt

88.3 Matters for the UNCC

a) Amendments to the DESC Terms of Reference

JF explained that some amendments to the DESC Terms of Reference approved at last month's UNCC meeting were proposed due to the receipt of additional comments following publication of the approved version.

Members determined unanimously to approve the amendments to the DESC Terms of Reference.

88.4 Matters of Implementation

a) Modification 0276

No update provided.

b) Modification 0376S 0376SA - Increased Choice when Applying for NTS Exit

TD advised that Modification 0376 requires an implementation date, as National Grid NTS had requested deferment due to the need for system changes. SF indicated that costs are yet to be identified and that a DCA is to be requested.

AM advised that a ROM had been provided previously and that an ACS had been submitted. He was not aware of a DCA, but implementation was subject to receipt of a change order. SF confirmed a change order has been drafted for internal approval and should be submitted to Xoserve in about a month.

c) Review of the AUG process.

AM advised Xoserve will be writing to the industry to seek views on the AUG process and the appointment of the AUG. This provides an opportunity to consider the guidelines and whether any improvements could be made to the process. The intention was to report to the following UNCC regarding any issues raised. PBr suggested that it might be appropriate to open the consultation for 6 weeks to ensure sufficient time is allowed for parties to provide their comments given that this is the first year in which it has been operational. This was supported. AM confirmed that there was no timing issue and the consultation could certainly be extended if that would be beneficial.

88.5 Any Other Business

None raised.

88.6 Next Meeting

The Committee noted the date and time of the next meetings as:

Thursday 19 April 2012, at the ENA, immediately after the Modification Panel meeting.